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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED TO 22 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR GUN
CRIME**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CHARLES A. BROWN, 31, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 22 years imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Sarah E. Barker following his conviction at trial on October 13, 2005, for the unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. This case, which was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives and the Marion County Sheriff's Department, was prosecuted as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative to reduce gun violence in Indianapolis.

At midnight on March 7, 2005, BROWN broke into an apartment by shattering a glass door. The resident of the apartment called 911 upon hearing the break-in and locked herself in

her bedroom with her two-year old daughter. A Marion County Sheriff's Deputy responded to the 911 call and found BROWN inside the apartment. BROWN was forcibly handcuffed after he resisted arrest and struggled with the officer. BROWN had brought a loaded .38 caliber revolver into the apartment as well as a length of rope and a pair of gloves.

BROWN had previously been convicted of criminal confinement, robbery, and burglary, in the Marion County, Indiana, Superior Court, for his role in a series of violent home invasions where victims were tied up, beaten, and robbed at gunpoint. Because of his previous criminal history, BROWN was sentenced for possession of the firearm as an Armed Career Criminal, which subjected him to a minimum, mandatory period of incarceration of 15 years. Because federal "good-time" amounts to less than 60 days per year, BROWN must serve 85% of his sentence or more than 18 years, six months.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James P. Hanlon, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed five years supervised release following BROWN's release from imprisonment.

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